



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : )  
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**Becker et al.** ) Examiner: **Nguyen, Bao Thuy L.**  
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Serial No. **09/890,665** ) Art Unit: **1641**  
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Filed : **September 25, 2001** )  
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For : **Method of Detecting Analytes in a Sample and** )  
**Support for this Purpose** )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A petition for a one month extension of time extending the period for responding to December 6, 2003 is included herewith along with the requisite petition fee in the amount of \$55.00. This response is timely filed since December 6, 2003 was a Saturday.

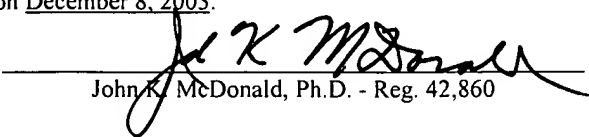
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 5 of this paper.

**Attachments** International Preliminary Examination Report and International Stage Claim Set.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 8, 2003.

  
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